Restoration of Mumbai Airport Terminals

2837. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the damage caused to the international and domestic terminal of Mumbai airport following the recent heavy rains; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Airports Authority of India to repair and restore Mumbai airport terminals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Approximately 1100 meters of operational compound wall collapsed due to heavy rain at Mumbai Airport. Due to flooding inside the arrival area of International Terminal, the amval baggage conveyors were submerged under water. Essential supplies and air-conditioning plant & DG sets were also under water due to which these facilities were disrupted in International Terminal. In Domestic Terminal 1B, the services were not affected. Partial restoration was made within 20 hours and complete services were restored on 28.7.2005.

lA's proposal to Join Global Airlines Alliance

2838. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is planning to join a Global Airlines Alliance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines is exploring the possibility of joining a global airline alliance in the long term and has held preliminary discussions with one of the global airlines alliance in this context.

(c) Does not arise.